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It has been remarked that no one ever expects to see anything humorous in a comic paper, and now a writer in the *Far Eastern Review* bids us abandon expectation of finding in commercial reports any information of value. Not to misrepresent him, Mr. Joseph J. Kegan, who describes himself as "a practical business man with sufficient successful experience in foreign markets to enable him to judge fairly," devotes his strictures to what he calls "the absence of value" in the "Daily Consular and Trade Reports" issued by the American "Bureau of Manufactures of the Department of Commerce and Labour." There is no sort of divinity hedging practical business men; they are more approachable than kings; and on occasion they have been known to eat and talk with unbusinesslike outsiders. As a direct result of this human trait, we have been enabled to acquire an idea of their attitude toward the various people who condescend to advise them from time to time. We regret to say that they sometimes fail to be overwhelmed with gratitude for the voluntary assistance proffered them in their pursuit of fortune. They read newspapers because they want to know the news, and it appears they never hope to obtain from them any valuable commercial "tips." When they encounter, as they often do, a consular report in the public press, they read it if they happen to have time and nothing better to do. They entertain the singular idea that business men know their own business, and that few

real business men ever give anything away either to journalists or consuls. Mr. Kegan is a business man who seems to have been reading American consular reports for their humour, as a mental relaxation. Of any other value they may have he is more than sceptical. Their information is neither substantial nor authentic, he says. Mostly it is only optimistic reports that are noticed by the public, but there is another kind that sometimes gets big headlines, "usually consisting of abusive remarks directed against the American manufacturer for his

lack of enterprise, or for what is commonly alluded to as 'defective American packing.'" In this connection, Mr. Kegan defends the American manufacturer strenuously, but with some carelessness, for later in the same article he remarks, "In the United States, as in other countries, there are two kinds of manufacturers; the one who understands export trade and the one who does not. The former is greatly in the minority, but usually has had sufficient hard, practical experience with foreign trade to be independent of any slight assistance which the Consular Report might possibly give him." Evidently the Consular Reports that have earned Mr. Kegan's contempt still have a future, as the American manufacturers who are ignorant constitute the great majority. Still, though admittedly incompetent, they ought not to be abused. "No European government," remarks Mr. Kegan of Manila, "makes a business of publishing allegations against its manufacturers for the world to read."

We certainly have never met with such a statement as that the majority of British manufacturers do not understand the export trade, and we do not expect to. But then the British manufacturer as a rule depends, not on Consular and journalistic advice, but on the suggestions and demands of his agents or importing representatives, who have expert knowledge that they do not distribute broadcast. Mr. Kegan has not quite realised this. His opinion is that "sensible assistance is given to their manufacturers by the British and German governments and to their manufacturers only." [This time the italics are Mr. Kegan's.] Their systems of obtaining information regarding trade opportunities might well be copied by our government. Our impression is that the system and source of such information is identical in Britain and America, except that America gives its "hearsay information" gratis, while Britain charges a penny for it. To business men, if we may believe business men, it has about equal value.

What Mr. Kegan says of American consular reports, that they are compiled as a matter of duty by men who have had no business training, that they consist for the most part of statistics of no practical value, and that they are usually based on inadequate enquiry among the right sources, has been said over and over again of British Consular reports also. For instance, the following passage is startlingly like one that regularly does duty in the British press:—

A manufacturer is told that there is a growing demand for American goods of the class he makes, in such and such a place, and that at present the cheaper European makes control the market but "if the manufacturers in the United States will make the proper efforts they will get a share of this vast trade." To assist him in "making the proper efforts" a table of statistics is given, none of which deal with necessary details regarding the net cost, at the European point of shipment, of the articles which control the market, freight and insurance rates, landing and other local charges at the point of destination, together with all possible data regarding strength and dimensions of material used in packing the goods. These details are not given. Neither is the manufacturer told what extra commission, petty charges, etc., are tacked on to the original cost by the local commission agent who imports for the native buyer. Many other details regarding invoicing, drafting, etc., are likewise omitted. Some names of possible buyers are perhaps given but no American or European references are named to whom the manufacturer may apply for information as to the commercial standing of the merchants.

We do not think such growth ever emanates from the business men themselves. They do not demand such details, they do not expect them, because they know very well that the experts who alone have them "at their fingers' ends" would not give them to the enquiring Consul or journalist. British and German trade information cannot be officially collected and confidentially divulged only to their manufacturers, as Mr. Kegan supposes. What is supplied may be "sensible assistance," but it is certainly not more private than the American reports, and commercial information of the really valuable order loses much of its value if not kept close in its own commercial circles. During a long and respectful association with business men we have managed to learn that simple fact. A business man is frankly curious regarding the "secrets" of others, but regarding his own he is a very oyster. In view of that, we are bound to put in a word in defence of

the Consuls so scathingly criticised by this young but eminently successful contributor to the *Far Eastern Review*, for we realise fully the difficulties in the way of meeting his requirements.

Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. are in receipt of telegraphic advices from Singapore informing them that the crushing of the Rand Australian Gold Mining Co. Ltd., for the past period of four weeks yielded 1679 ozs. gold from 5821 tons stone.

The closing social and business meeting of the Union Church Literary Club, will be held this evening in the Lecture Room, Kennedy Road, at 9 p.m. sharp. Several members have kindly consented to sing, and during the evening, the election of officers and a new committee will take place.

Mr. Evan Ormiston, manager of the Mercantile Bank of India Limited, Hongkong, yesterday received a telegram from the Head Office stating that at the forthcoming general meeting of shareholders of the Bank the Directors will recommend a dividend of 5 per cent per annum on "A and B" shares free of income tax, that \$40,000 be added to reserve fund; £2,000 to Officers' Pension fund; and £24,000 be carried forward.

Mr. F. T. Kong, B.S., A.M., a graduate of Columbia University and also a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, gives an illustrated lecture on the subject of mining at the Chinese Central Y.M.C.A. this (Thursday) evening. After his graduation Mr. Kong had experience in many mine establishments in the Eastern States of America. Later he was appointed by the Chinese Imperial Government as Mining and Metallurgical Engineer to Hunan, China, and is now on his way there.

The season of fog is now with us. On Tuesday night the harbour was practically shut out of sight by a dense fog which naturally interfered a good deal with navigation. Vessels to and from Canton had rather an anxious time, and several were delayed very considerably. There was an incessant ringing of bells and a continuous blowing of horns throughout the night, and during the day these means of indicating their presence had to be used by many launches in making their way through the harbour. Fortunately no accident was reported as the result of the fog.

A lunkong was placed before Mr. Hazeland at the Magistracy yesterday on a charge of interfering with the course of justice in an extradition case. The man, whose extradition was sought by the Chinese Government for armed robbery, alleged that the lunkong drove his mother away from the Magistracy and that he was thereby prevented from getting witnesses. The old lady however failed to identify the lunkong when placed among a number of others and in the witness box declared that the man in the dock was not the lunkong who sent her away. Mr. Hazeland did not carry the proceedings further and discharged the lunkong, telling him he was in no way to blame.

A Chinaman was at the Magistracy yesterday sentenced to six months' imprisonment and six hours' stocks for demanding money by menace. On Tuesday night he challenged a native and declared that he was a policeman. The man was carrying a bundle which the pseudo-policeman asserted was stolen property and that the man had better accompany him to the police station. As an afterthought, he suggested that trouble might be averted by paying 50 cents, which the other, however, declined to part with. The defendant was not to be shaken off and followed his victim to the house, and the latter becoming frightened handed over the money asked for him. However the policeman fell into the hands of the police and he was punished as stated. This is his third conviction for similar offences.

A French bluejacket got into trouble on Tuesday when under the influence of liquor and had to appear before Mr. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday. He entered a richa and when the coolie did not take him where he wished to go he got out of it and beat him. Then a policeman took them both to the Police Station where the Frenchman still refused to pay for the hire of the richa. Instead he charged the coolie with having stolen \$10 from him. When the case was heard it transpired that the defendant wished the coolie to go up Wyndham Street and as the latter refused he got out and beat him. He further declared that he gave the coolie ten dollars out of which to take his fare and the latter did not return it. The defendant was fined three dollars for disorderly conduct and one dollar for refusing to pay richa hire and was ordered to pay 20 cents compensation. The charge against the coolie was withdrawn.

The intimation that Mr. James Glenosair Thomson, Crossmyleof, only surviving grandson of Burns, is likely to be granted a Civil List pension has been received with much satisfaction by admirers of our national bard, says a Glasgow paper. Mr. Thomson, who is in his eightieth year, has been in somewhat reduced circumstances for a considerable time. Nine years ago an appeal was made to the public on his behalf, and £175 was raised, while a further sum of over £200 was subscribed in 1906 as the result of an effort then made to provide an annuity for him. Since then a number of influential gentlemen have interested themselves in the matter, with the view of securing a Civil List pension. In this connection it may be recalled that in July of last year Mrs. Sarah Burns Hutchison and Miss Annie Beckett Burns Cheltenham, were granted Civil List pensions of £100 each in consideration of the eminence of their grandfather.

There are in the United States some fifty-three races, and among the conclusions drawn by Mr. J. Graham Brooks from a study of their conditions, and stated in a lecture at the School of Sociology and Social Economics, Denison House, was that they were of great economic advantage to the country. America benefited by the incursion of a number of immigrants already reared, at a cost of 400 or 500 dollars, up to the age at which they could become producers of wealth. The fears that they would lower the standard of living had been falsified. He referred to the prejudices against Japanese, Chinese, and Hindus, remarking that this was a difficulty that was spreading to Canada and was very likely to be a source of trouble. The immigrants had established a number of little industries that had added greatly to the general prosperity, such as the fruit gardens of the Japanese and Chinese on the Pacific coast. A better state of things would result from the study of racial problems which was being undertaken by certain scientific societies. He anticipated that prejudice would be abolished through a more general understanding, and that the races would be able to work together to the general advantage.

The Conger sale in New York, of Chinese antiquities has been severely criticised in some quarters, states *The Times* correspondent. The property was advertised as belonging to the widow of the former American Minister at Peking. It has been openly announced as a sale of "loot from the Imperial Palace and the mansions of the mandarins." It is said to represent the "timely purchases of a practical woman with a taste for the beautiful, who found herself at an unlooked for emergency in an exceptionally favourable position to obtain objects which would interest." The sale has been attended by fashionable purchasers, and the amount realised represents a small fortune. The taste of such a proceeding is execrable, to say the least, and it is surprising that the Government does not investigate the legal side as to whether the exemption from Customs duty of an Ambassador's luggage includes merchandise purchased with the intention to sell. The *New York Post* thinks the dealing was either directly with thieves themselves or with the receivers of stolen goods. Mrs. Conger, according to an interview with the *World's* correspondent at Pasadena, says that there was no looting on the part of the United States people at Peking. If the goods she offered for sale were not she did not know it. She adds that looting was strictly prohibited by the United States, but, charitably adds, other Governments were not so strict.

The chairman and council of the Japan Society gave a conversation at the Hotel Metropole on March 3rd. The Japanese Ambassador, the president of the society, received the guests, who included most of the members of the Japanese Embassy, the Chinese Minister, Lord Redesdale, Lord and Lady Strathmore, Lord Kinnaird, Lady Wolsley, Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, Lady Seton, Admiral Sir Archibald and Lady Douglas, Vice-Admiral Sir E. Custance, Sir Trevor and Lady Lawrence, Sir Ernest Satow, General Sir Julius and Lady Raine, Count H. Matsui, C.V.O., the Hon. Mrs. Campton, Major-General Sir Alfred Turner, Major-General Shiba, General Fagan, Sir J. R. and Lady Parkington, Sir George Chen (Secretary of the Chinese Legation), Sir Hayter Chubb, Sir Hiram Wilkinson, Mr. Ivan Joseph and Lady Dimsdale, Sir Thomas and Lady Jackson, Sir A. and Lady Trendell, Sir Walter and Lady Wilkin, Captain Toshinari, C.V.O., Sir L. Alma-Tadema, Chevalier and Mme. de Martino, Mr. J. Sakata (Imperial Japanese Consul-General), Sir Albert Rollett, Mr. Wakatsuki (Vice-Minister of Finance in Japan), Professor and Mrs. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. S. Matsudaira, Mr. Sheriff Wakefield, Mr. W. C. Grew (chairman of the society), Mr. Marcus Huish (vice-chairman of the council), Mr. W. Harding Smith (hon. librarian), and Mr. K. Nojima, and Mr. J. P. Reid (hon. secretaries). The banquet hall, where the reception took place, was decorated with the Japanese and English flags. Music was performed in the drawing-room by the Metropole Orchestra, and in the reception-room by the Bijou Orchestra. There was an exhibition of kakemonos in the King's room, and Mr. Percy French gave an entertainment in the drawing-room.

## BURGLARISING THE TREASURY.

A most daring burglary took place between Tuesday night and Wednesday morning at the office of the Treasury, but in this instance the coolness and daring of the thieves was more than counterbalanced by the smartness of the local police. Yesterday morning Detective Terrett, while on duty at the Macao steamer, had his attention attracted to a native whose manner roused the officer's suspicion. He searched the man and found his suspicious justified when he discovered in the native's boots a quantity of jewellery. He took him to the Police Station, where it was learned that the jewellery was the proceeds of a robbery which had taken place at the Treasury. From information received from the prisoner the police were successful in arresting another man alleged to be concerned in the burglary on whom \$50 was found. Shortly afterwards the thief from the Treasury arrived at the Police Station to report the burglary and was agreeably surprised to find that the police had secured practically all the stolen property. Apparently the burglary was committed by several men. They entered from the Supreme Court, breaking a window to get into the Treasury. There they ransacked every drawer in the place and attacked the sheriff's desk from which they abstracted money and jewellery. It is believed that some of the thieves had at one time been in the employ of the Supreme Court. Certainly the police are to be complimented on their very smart work in this case.

## TELEGRAMS.

[BUTHER'S SERVICE.]

## THE POWERS AND MACEDONIA.

LONDON, March 30th.

A Parliamentary Paper on Macedonia shows that the Powers unanimously rejected Sir Edward Grey's proposals made in early February. Austria and Russia adding that the moment was singularly inopportune. Sir Edward Grey, in a circular dated 3rd March, said that the situation was so serious that it called for immediate effective action, he therefore advanced the proposals of the 12th March. The non-adoption of such an attitude was equivalent to an admission that the Concert as an instrument for reforms, had ceased to exist.

LATER.

The English papers praise Sir Edward Grey's exposition of British policy in Macedonia and complain of the weakness of the reasons for rejecting it; they charge the Powers with seeking their own ends, without considering the interests of Macedonia.

## PRINCE VON BUELOW'S VISIT TO AUSTRIA.

LONDON, March 30th.

Prince von Buelow had a half hour audience with the Emperor and afterwards a lengthy conference with Count Aehrenthal on pending questions.

## THE NAVY ESTIMATES.

The *Globe* publishes the following letter:—Sir,—In connection with the statement respecting the Navy Estimates laid before the House of Commons, certain facts stand out, to which we ask your leave to draw attention.

1. The number of armoured ships to be laid down this year by Britain is two. The number to be laid down this year by Germany is four.
2. The number of protected cruisers to be laid down is six. The number of cruisers of all classes removed from the active list of the Navy in 1904 was 59 (together with 41 gunboats and 16 sloops). Thus we begin to replace, four years later, one-tenth of the cruisers of which the country was then deprived.
3. The number of destroyers to be laid down is 16. The nominal number of our destroyers already built or building and completing is 135. Of those already built, one-third are unserviceable by reason of neglected repairs, and only 34 are available for work in the North Sea, as against a flotilla of a hundred German destroyers and torpedo-boats, designed for work in that sea.
4. However momentous the question of new construction may be to the country, a fact more momentous still is the condition to which the policy of financial starvation has already reduced our existing fleet. A large number of our existing armoured ships have been crippled, like our destroyers, by the neglect or the imperfect performance of repairs.
5. That the aggregate sea training of the Navy has been immensely diminished can no longer be denied. The large saving in stores shown in the estimates is a proof of this.
6. The country now knows that the gunnery tests have been bogus tests, designed not to secure success in war, but advertisement of an alleged but nonexistent efficiency.
7. The need for an inquiry into the scope and effects of recent changes in the Navy, as recommended by two former First Sea Lords, is obvious and urgent.—We are, &c.,

HAROLD F. WYATT.

L. GR. JAM H. HORTON SMITH.

4, Paper buildings, Temple, E.C., Feb. 29.

## GINGER-BEER THE CHINESE GOAL.

The *Lincoln Echo* has this comment on a remark made in the *Singapore Free Press* recently as to the growing use of liquors amongst well-to-do Chinese:—

It is interesting to learn that the practice of taking opium in various forms is on the decline amongst the better classes of the Chinese in the vicinity of Singapore, according to latest advices from the Colony. But our teetotal friends are probably the better judges whether this is an unalloyed move towards the right, for it seems as though champagne is coming into favour, while a whisky and soda is quite a commonplace of domestic consumption with well-to-do Chinese residents. That the pipe containing opium is abhorrent to most minds we are well aware; the points is whether a pipe of something else is a welcome substitute. The most comforting reflection probably is that having once been separated from his beloved opium, John Chinaman may by easy stages be converted towards sobriety, though he has a long way to travel if he at present favours champagne. Still, if he can gradually be worked along towards small ports and cheap English ale he ought in due course to arrive all right, at the state of philosophically sipping his flowing bowl of ginger beer.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 1st at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen quickly in E. Japan, and fallen considerably on the E. coast of China, S.W. Japan and the Loochoos.

The depression lying over N.E. Japan yesterday, is moving away over the Pacific. A new depression, which developed over the Lower Yangtze yesterday, is moving Eastward in the Yellow Sea this morning.

Variable winds light to moderate, may be expected in the Forrester Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood (°) Same as No. 1.  
Forrester Channel } Same as No. 1.  
South coast of China between } Same as No. 1.  
Hongkong and Lamooki } Same as No. 1.  
South coast of China between } Same as No. 1.  
Hongkong and Hainan. } Same as No. 1.

(°) Variable winds, light or moderate; foggy, some rain.

## SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 1st April.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
(SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT).

## AN INSURANCE CLAIM.

The jury action was continued in which the Kwong Tak Hong firm of 122 Des Voeux Road West claimed \$4320 from the Yuen On Marine and Fire Insurance Company, Ltd. The special jury consisted of Messrs. Charles Henry Grace, Alfred Holland Skelton, David Haskell, Edw. Harvey Hinds, Donaldson Riddell Law, Harry Humphrey and William Murray Scott. The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (instructed by Mr. Denny, of Messrs. Denny and Bowley), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. M. Slade (instructed by Mr. O. D. Thomson) for the defendants.

In this action the plaintiff sought to recover the insurance upon goods lost on a junk which foundered in the typhoon of 18th September, 1906, application to insure which had been made that morning.

Mr. Slade opened the case for the defendants by explaining the office routine of the Yuen On Company and said that on the morning of the typhoon the manager went downstairs from his office and as he was walking through the office he was handed by the clerk an application for the insurance of a bale of cloth on the same junk. He initialled it and returned it to the clerk who, in accordance with the practice in the office, noted the time at which it was returned to him. That was five minutes past nine. The manager went out and had a look at the weather and came back in about half an hour. On going up to his desk he saw lying thereon the application which was the subject of this case and he called to his clerk and informed him they should not accept the application in weather like that which was prevailing. He instructed the clerk to acquaint the applicants with this and straightway a message was sent to the plaintiffs that the insurance could not be effected. On these grounds the defendants denied that the goods were insured. It might be interesting to note what the company had done in regard to the policy which they had accepted but which had not been sent to the people who had made the application. The manager placed the matter before the directors who decided that, as they had accepted the policy, although this fact had not been communicated to the applicants, the only course open to them as honourable men was to pay, which they had accordingly done.

Evidence was then called on behalf of the defence, and the case adjourned.

## IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ  
(ACTING PRINCE JUDGE).

## NEWSPAPER DIFFICULTIES.

The Si Wai Kong Po firm, who are the proprietors of a Chinese newspaper, brought an action against the Chong Seng firm of printers for \$1,000 for loss caused by breach of contract in printing their paper. The Chong Seng firm counterclaimed for \$173.17, being the balance due for printing done. This money had been paid into court and costs allowed up to the time of payment on Tuesday. Mr. P. W. Goldring, of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morrell, acted for the plaintiff, and Mr. Jackson, from the office of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the defendants.

The case for plaintiffs was that on November 20th they entered into a contract with the defendants to print their paper daily for a period of six months. On February 5th, 6th and 7th, just after Chinese New Year the defendants failed to print the paper and the plaintiffs had to go to another printer to whom they had to pay a higher price to get the paper printed. On February 8th the defendants resumed the printing and carried it on until March 2nd when, without warning, they discontinued printing it.

Defendants contended that the non-payment by the plaintiffs of the amount due gave them justification for ceasing to print.

As His Honour had to attend at the magistracy the hearing was adjourned.

## GERMANY'S FIRST

## "DREADNOUGHT."

Berlin, Febr. 28th.

The launch of the giant battleship, *Ernst Bayer*, provisionally thus named after the battleship whose place she takes, will mark a new era in the German navy. She is the first of the mammoth vessels of which the active squadrons are in future to be composed, and is in size, armament, speed, and installation superior to any warship hitherto built in Germany. The launch takes place at Wilhelmshaven on March 5, and will be an occasion of great ceremony.

The displacement of the "Ernst Bayer" is 17,900 tons. She is built entirely of hardened steel. Her dimensions and the thickness of her armour are not exactly known, as everything connected with her construction has been kept strictly secret by order of the Minister of Marine. The maximum speed she is specified to attain is 19 knots. Her internal fittings and armament are to be completed after the first quarter of 1909. The cost of construction, including trial runs, will amount to £1,538,000, of which the sum of £1,113,500 goes to the hull and internal fittings, £276,000 to guns, and £248,500 to torpedoes.

A sister ship, similar in every respect, the "Ernst Schöen", is to be launched from the Weser yard at Bremen in a very short time, while work is proceeding rapidly on the "Ernst Wurmberg" at the Vulkan yard at Stettin and on "Ernst Baden" at the Germania Works, Kiel. The last two vessels, although classed with the "Ernst Bayer," are to have an even larger displacement—namely, 18,700 tons, and are to be fitted with turbines, probably of the Parsons type, in this respect resembling the British "Dreadnought." Two other giant battleships are also to be laid down this year, and these are, it is believed, to have a displacement of 20,000 tons.







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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE

WE have this Day revoked the Power of Attorney given by us to Mr. O. STOLTZ.

AAGAARD, THORESEN & CO.  
Hongkong, 24th March, 1908. 654

## NOTICE

I HAVE, this Day, severed my Connection with Messrs. C. V. PUSTAU & Co., Canton, and have left their Canton Office, which is now in charge of Mr. E. LEHMANN, O. BECKER.

Canton, 30th March, 1908. 655

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1908. 656

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1908. 657

THE HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE FIRST MEETING of the Season will be held at Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 4th April, 1908, commencing at 3 p.m.

The Charge of Admission will be \$1.00 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club or Gymkhana Club.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half Price. The Committee invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

REGINALD F. C. MASTER, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1908. 650

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Hongkong, 31st March, 1908. 658

## NOTICE

IF PERCY BRENTNALL, one time resident at PHOENIX LODGE, 5, Bonham Road, Hongkong, or his Wife or Child will communicate with R. B. BRENTNALL, 23, Eslington Terrace, Newcastle, in Tyne, England, they will hear something to their advantage.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1908. 624

## GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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Hongkong, 30th March, 1908. 626

## HARBOR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Information has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

On TUESDAY, the 31st March:—

From Stonecutters in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 7 p.m. and finishing at 10 p.m.

If the weather is unfavourable on the above date, practice will take place on the following day.

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BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1908. 615

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## AUCTION

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Hongkong 18th November, 1901. 43

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1908. 383

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## NOTICES OF FIRMS

## NOTICE.

I have this Day established myself in practice as ARCHITECT and SURVEYOR at No. 34, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, and at Shamsen, Canton.

A. ABDOLRAHIM, Architect and Surveyor.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1908. 682

REMOVAL NOTICE.

WE have REMOVED our Office to HOTEL MANSIONS, 3rd Floor, SPERRY FLOUR COMPANY.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1908. 623

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. JAMES ORANGE in our Firm CEASED this Day.

LEIGH & ORANGE

Hongkong, 31st March, 1908. 635

NOTICE.

MR. ALBERT EDWIN GRIFFIN, Assoc. M. Inst. C.E., is from May 1st, 1908, admitted a PARTNER in our firm, which will continue to carry on the business of Civil Engineers, Architects and Surveyors as heretofore, under the style of "Leigh & Orange."

LEIGH & ORANGE

Hongkong, 31st March, 1908. 636

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ALEXANDER GEORGE WOOD in our Firm in Hongkong and China CEASED on 31st March, 1908.

MR. JOHN WHYTE COOPER BONNAR was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm in Hongkong and China on this Date.

MR. CHARLES GORDON STEWART MACKIE is authorized to SIGN our Firm for Presentation in Hongkong and China from this Date.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., 649

Hongkong, 1st April, 1908.

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd April, 1908, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1907, and of declaring Dividends, &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 13th April to the 23rd April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1908. 613

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd April, 1908, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Account to the 31st December, 1907, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th April to the 23rd April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1908. 614

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## SINGON &amp; CO.

IRON, STEEL, METAL and HARDWARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers, Pig Iron and Foundry Cokes Importers, General Storekeepers and Shipchandlers. 35 & 37, KING LOOK STREET (2nd Street, west of Central Market) Telephone No. 515.

PRINTING AND BOOKBINDING OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

BUSINESS CIRCULARS, COMPANY PROSPECTUSES, COMPANY REPORTS & BALANCE SHEETS, BILLS OF LADING, FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE FORMS, STOREKEEPERS PRICE LISTS, COMMERCIAL CODES, COMMERCIAL REPORTS, COMMERCIAL FORMS OF ANY KIND, ALSO MENU CARDS, VISITING CARDS, INVITATION CARDS, &c.

JEDGERS & ACCOUNT BOOKS MADE TO ORDER.

PERIODICALS BOUND AND BOOKS OF ALL KINDS REBOUND IN THE BEST MATERIALS.

Estimates furnished on Application to the Printing Department "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" Office.

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